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WITH FAST-SELLING WARM MASON LEATHER JACKETS

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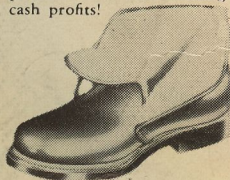
Rush Coupon for FREE Selling Outfit!

I want to put in your hands an exciting business that will bring you a handsome **extra** income every month! It won't cost you a cent, because I'm going to furnish **everything** you need to start making money the very first day.

You'll be amazed how quickly orders come! Start with friends, relatives, fellow workers. **EVERYBODY** wears shoes . . . and watch men go for handsome new Mason jackets! Actually, just 2 easy orders a day in spare hours will make you up to \$217 extra income a month! Full time men make up to **\$1,248 a month** on just 10 sales a day!

As our man in your community you will be able to show 174 different styles in dress, sport, work shoes for men and women . . . plus a complete line of fast-selling jackets. And here's exciting news: **we do not sell our Nationally-advertised products in stores.** The demand can be filled **ONLY** by YOU! Customers must keep coming to you to buy new shoes and jackets! That "exclusive" should keep your pockets filled with exciting cash profits!

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Now, I want you to start making **real** money in this exciting business right away. So rush that coupon TODAY. By return mail you'll get **everything** you need to start making cash profits the very first day!

SEND FOR FREE OUTFIT!

Mr. Ned Mason, Dept. MA-461
Mason Shoe Mfg. Co.
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

I want to start this exciting Mason Shoe & Jacket business right away! Please rush **everything** I need to start making big cash profits from the very first day! Also send full details of how I can get special Golden Anniversary PRIZES!

Name _____ Age _____
Address _____
Town _____ State _____



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"KILLER'S ARMS"

"EVERYONE OF US HAS DREAMT A NIGHTMARE AT SOME TIME OR ANOTHER...AND IF WE'RE LUCKY ENOUGH...WE AWAKEN TO FIND THAT WE HAVE ESCAPED THE HORROR OF OUR SUBCONSCIOUS MIND! YOUNG PROFESSOR JOHNATHAN CLARK HAD A NIGHTMARE ONCE...FROM WHICH THERE WAS NO ESCAPE!!

LOOK!...LOOK! JOHNATHAN...WE HAVE IT! AT LAST WE'VE DISCOVERED IT! WE CAN ACTUALLY GRAFT ARMS AND LEGS!

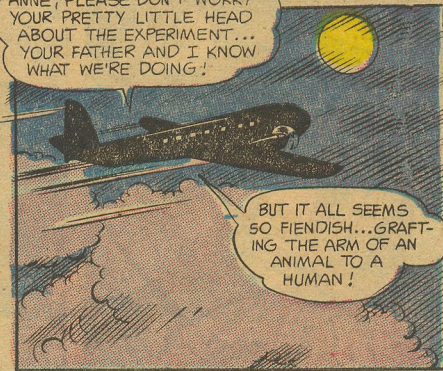
I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE MY EYES, PROFESSOR MORTON! NOW WE CAN GO ON TO THE SUPREME EXPERIMENT...WE CAN GRAFT YOU A NEW ARM!



WHAT A HORRIBLE THOUGHT, FATHER! I WON'T LET YOU GO THROUGH WITH IT!

THAT IS NOT FOR YOU TO SAY, ANNE... START PACKING! WE'RE ALL LEAVING TONIGHT FOR AFRICA...TO TRAP OURSELVES A GORILLA!

ANNE, PLEASE DON'T WORRY YOUR PRETTY LITTLE HEAD ABOUT THE EXPERIMENT... YOUR FATHER AND I KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING!

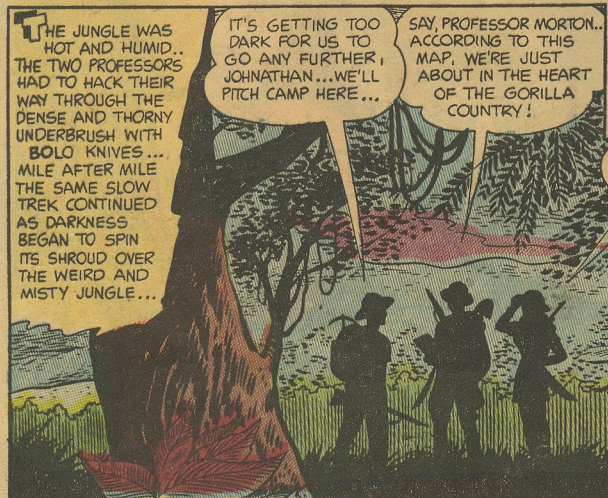


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JOHNATHAN...PLEASE PROMISE ME ONE THING...THAT THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST EXPERIMENT...AND THAT WE GET MARRIED WHEN WE GET BACK TO AMERICA!

OH, THAT WAS MY PLAN! AFTER WE'RE FINISHED WITH OUR WORK HERE I INTEND TO RETIRE AND WRITE A BOOK!



WHEW! I'M ALL IN...



YES...THE MAP WAS ACCURATE...TOO ACCURATE! FOR NOT ONLY WERE OUR (UNFORTUNATE, TO BE) FRIENDS DEEP IN THE HEART OF GORILLA TERRITORY...THEY WERE RIGHT UNDER THE PIERCING LITTLE EYES OF "TONGO" THE MOST FEARED MAN-KILLING GORILLA IN THE AFRICAN JUNGLE!

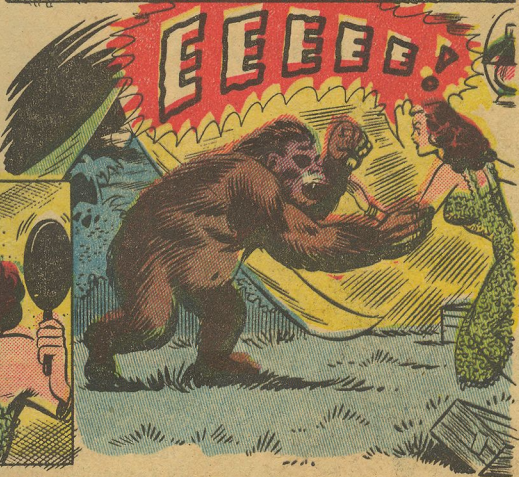
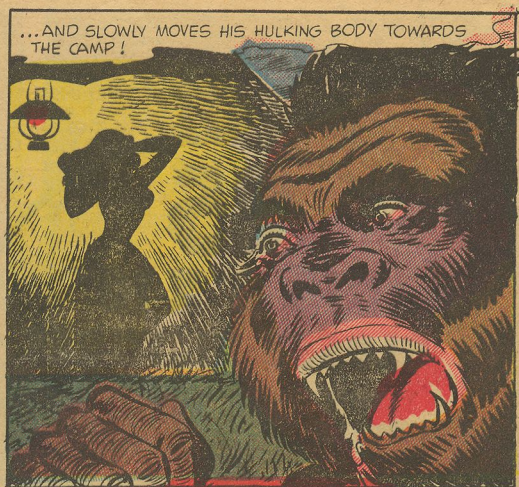


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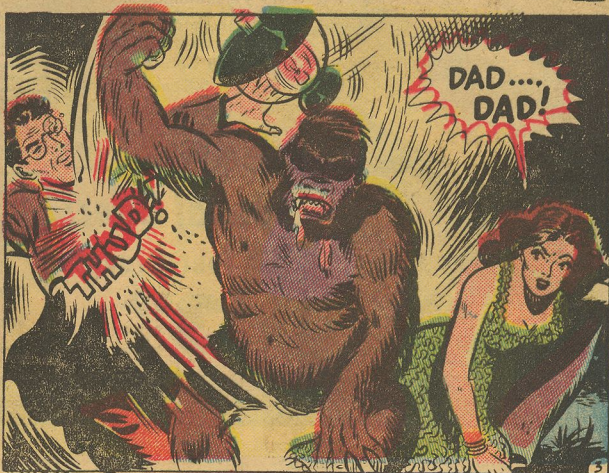
THROUGH THE MUGGY JUNGLE MIST, THE MAN-KILLER REARS HIS VICIOUS HEAD...



...AND SLOWLY MOVES HIS HULKING BODY TOWARDS THE CAMP!



ANNE! WHAT THE...?



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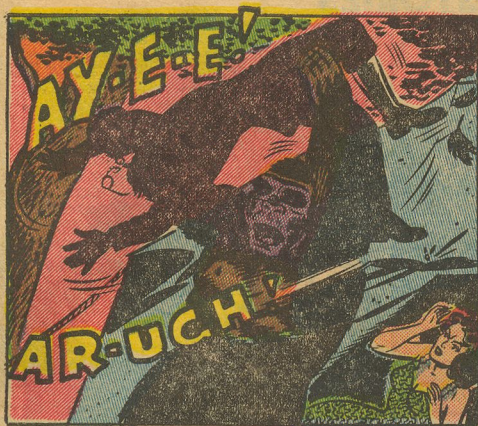
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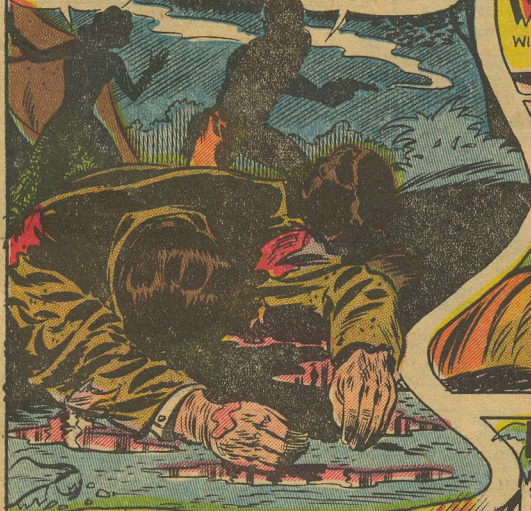
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OH, FATHER...
HOW HORRIBLE!

WE MUST ACT FAST! JOHNATHAN IS
LOSING BLOOD...GET MY OPERA-
TING EQUIPMENT!



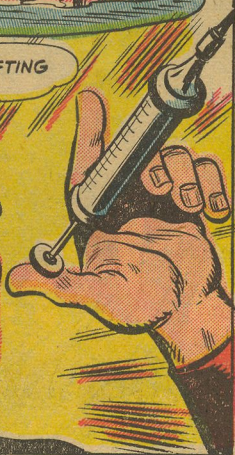
WITH HIS ONE SKILLFUL ARM AND THE ABLE AID OF
HIS DAUGHTER, PROFESSOR MORTON PROCEEDS
WITH LIGHTNING SPEED TO RESTORE A NEW PAIR OF
ARMS FOR HIS ILL-FATED COLLEAGUE!

...STRANGE THAT IT SHOULD TURN
OUT THIS WAY...I WAS THE ONE
WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO UNDERGO
THIS OPERATION!



HOURS PASSED...PROFESSOR MORTON AND HIS
DAUGHTER HAD BEEN KEEPING A CONSTANT
VIGIL INTO THE EARLY MORNING...

ANNE...PASS ME THE GRAFTING
SERUM...

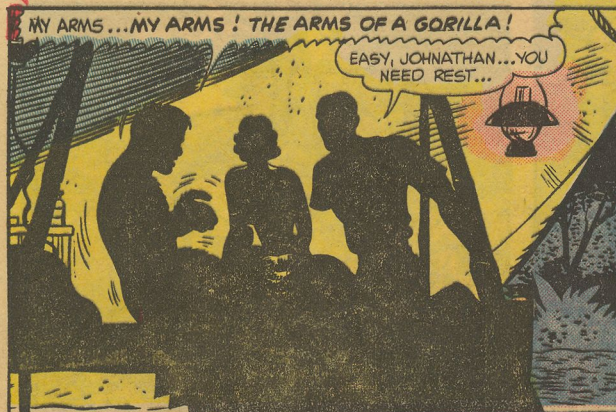


HE'S COMING
TO...

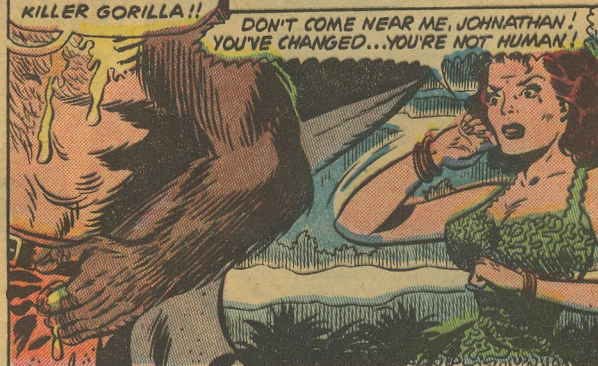
GROAN...



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I'M SORRY, ANNE...I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT! IT'S THESE ARMS!.. THE ARMS OF THAT KILLER GORILLA!!



THE GRAFTING SERUM...IT SPLASHED INTO YOUR FACE...IT...IT LOOKS LIKE THE FACE OF...THAT GORILLA!



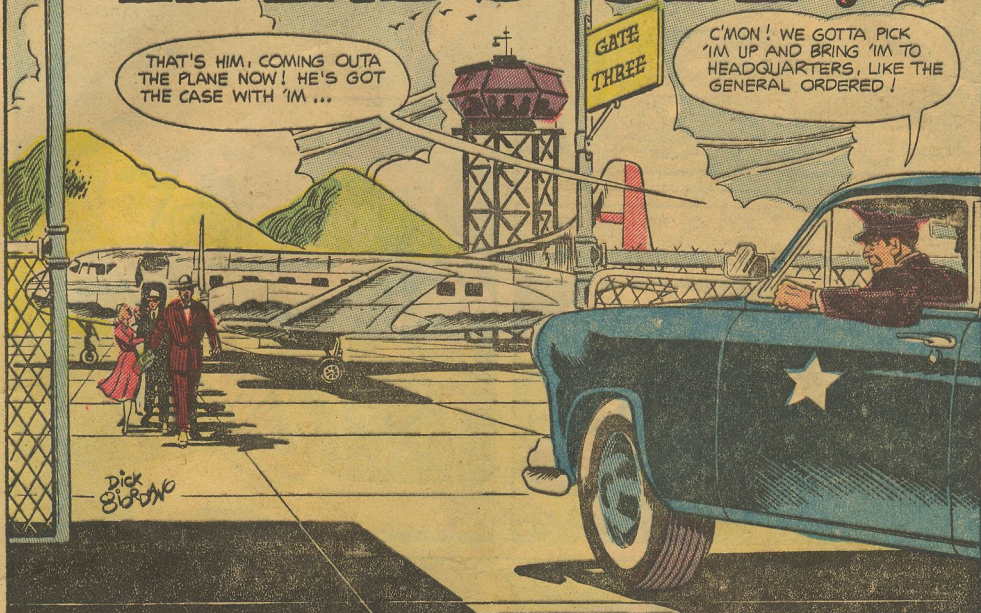
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THE SPECIAL GOVERNMENT COURIER WAS ON AN URGENT TOP-SECRET MISSION --- ALL HE KNEW ABOUT THE DISPATCH CASE CHAINED TO HIS WRIST WAS THAT IT WAS MARKED...

HANDS OFF!

THAT'S HIM, COMING OUTA THE PLANE NOW! HE'S GOT THE CASE WITH 'IM...

C'MON! WE GOTTA PICK 'IM UP AND BRING 'IM TO HEADQUARTERS, LIKE THE GENERAL ORDERED!



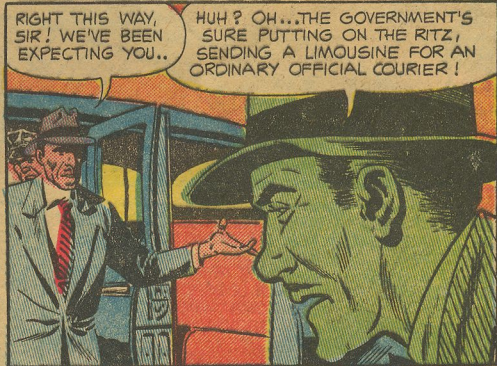
MY CREDENTIALS ARE ALL IN ORDER, AS YOU CAN SEE! MY MISSION HAS HIGHEST PRIORITY AND...

GO RIGHT THROUGH, SIR! NO NEED TO INSPECT YOU!



RIGHT THIS WAY, SIR! WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU..

HUH? OH...THE GOVERNMENT'S SURE PUTTING ON THE RITZ, SENDING A LIMOUSINE FOR AN ORDINARY OFFICIAL COURIER!



THE COURIER CLAMBERED INTO THE BIG CAR, THE MOTOR THUNDERED AND THE VEHICLE ROARED AWAY FROM THE AIRPORT...

THAT GUY'S CREDENTIALS...SAID HE WAS CARRYING TOP-SECRET STUFF IN THAT CASE HANDCUFFED TO HIS RIGHT WRIST!

I WOULDN'T CHANGE PLACES WITH HIM FOR A MILLION DOLLARS! EVERY FOREIGN AGENT IN THE COUNTRY MUST BE ZEROING IN ON 'IM!



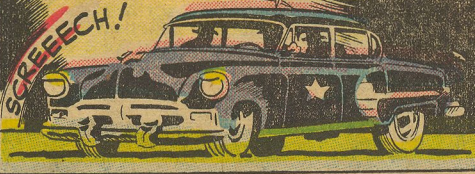
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FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES THE LIMOUSINE RUMBLLED THROUGH THE DARKENING STREETS, THEN ...

B-BE CAREFUL ... **UGHH!**
S-SAY...THIS ISN'T THE WAY TO...

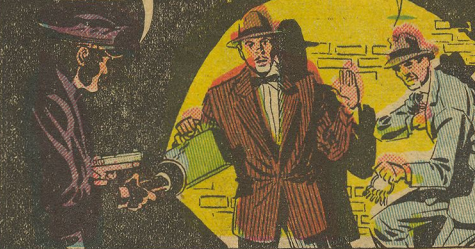
IT'S WHERE **WE** WANNA GO, MISTER!

SCREEECH!



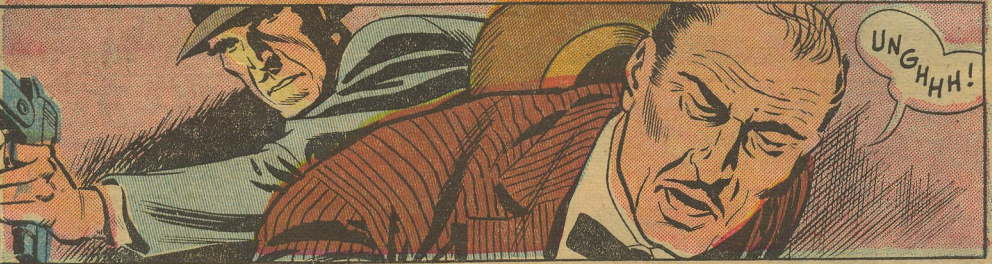
HURRY UP, WITH THAT DISPATCH CASE, WILL YOU? WE AIN'T GOT ALL NIGHT...

NONE OF THE KEYS SEEM TO FIT THE LOCK? BUT I GOT **ANOTHER** IDEA...



W-WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT...?

GET OUTA THE CAR, BUSTER...AND DON'T MAKE ANY NOISE ABOUT IT! YOU PLAY BALL WITH US AND THIS CANNON I'M AIMING AT YOU WON'T GO OFF!



HE'S OUT COLD AS AN ICE CUBE! GET THAT DISPATCH CASE OPENED, WILL YOU!

WE'LL OPEN IT **LATER**...RIGHT NOW I'M TRYING TO PRY THIS CHAIN OFF HIS WRIST!! **BAHHH!** NONE OF THE KEYS FIT **THIS** LOCK, EITHER! BUT I GOT SOMETHING IN THE CAR THAT'LL WORK!

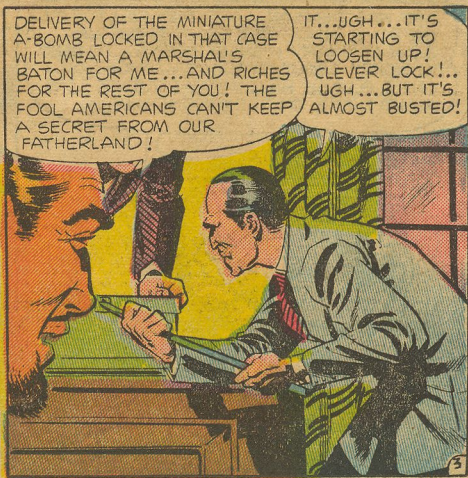
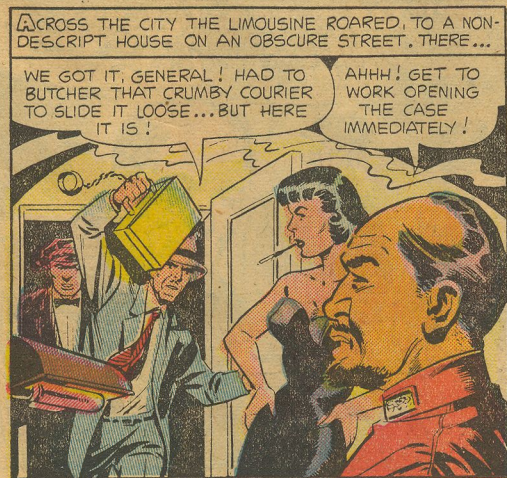
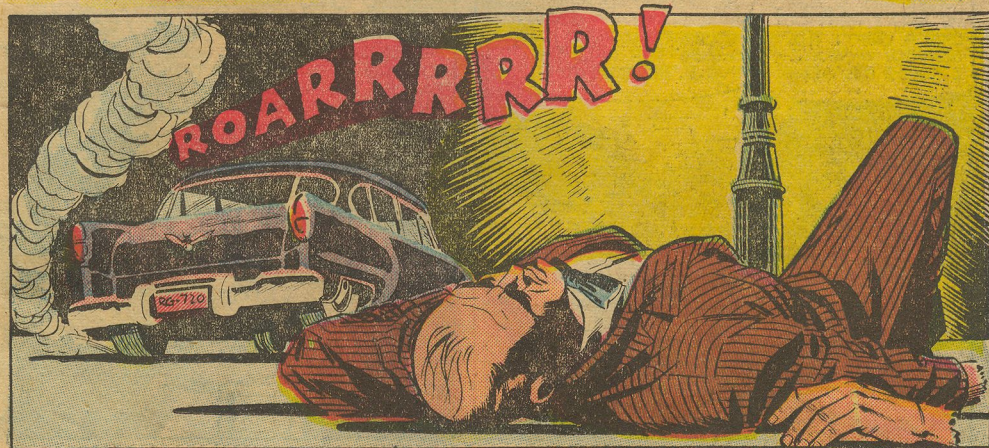


HURRY UP...THE GENERAL'S GONNA BE FURIOUS! WE GOTTA DELIVER THIS DISPATCH CASE **TONIGHT!**

THIS DOODAD'LL SEPARATE THE CASE FROM THE JOKER'S WRIST!



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A MOMENT LATER THE LOCK IS SHATTERED, THE LID OF THE DISPATCH CASE PRIED OPEN, AND...



IN THE RUINED, SMOKE-FILLED ROOM THERE WAS DEATHLY SILENCE. AT THE SAME TIME...



...THEN THEY SLUGGED ME AND I WENT OUT LIKE A LIGHT! THE DISPATCH CASE...I-I GUESS IT'S GONE!

HIS CREDENTIALS'RE IN ORDER, SARGE...HE'S A GOV'MENT COURIER, ALL RIGHT! WE... WE BETTER CALL THE F.B.I. RIGHT AWAY!



NO NEED TO DO THAT, OFFICERS! WHEN THEY FINALLY MANAGE TO OPEN THAT TOP-SECRET CASE THEY'LL GET WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR...RIGHT IN THEIR FACES! THE SPECIAL LOCK WILL TAKE CARE OF **THAT!**

YOU...YOU **EXPECTED** THEM TO STEAL THE CASE!



THAT WAS THE PLAN...AND THEY FELL FOR IT! THE BOMB INSIDE THE CASE, BY THE WAY, IS AN ORDINARY HIGH-EXPLOSIVE...NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT DEADLY RADIATION! OH... CAN I PLEASE HAVE MY HAND BACK? IT'S RIGHT THERE ON THE GROUND...

Y-YOUR **HAND?** THEY...THEY CUT IT OFF...?

RUINED IT, IF YOU ASK ME! IT'S BECOMING AN AWFUL NUISANCE HAVING TO REPLACE THIS **ARTIFICIAL LIMB** EVERY TIME I GO ON A SECRET MISSION!



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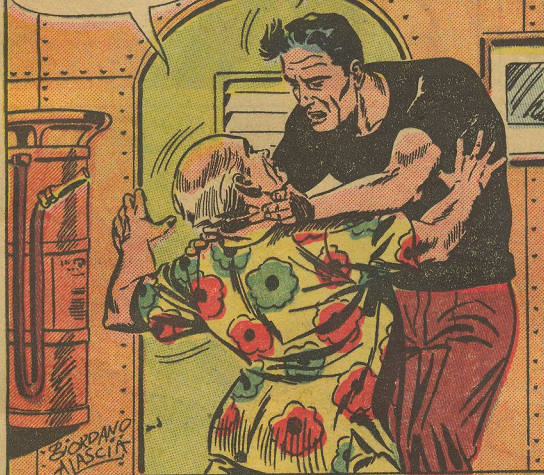
DEAR READERS---THANKS FOR THE WAVE OF ANSWERS YOU SENT TO HELP END OUR 4-PAGE SEA QUIZ, **THE KILL!**, WHICH APPEARED IN A RECENT ISSUE OF "STRANGE SUSPENSE STORIES." THE BEST ONE, WE THOUGHT, WAS SENT IN BY MALCOLM HUTCHER, OF PINE CREST, NORTH CAROLINA. YOUR \$10 PRIZE IS ON ITS WAY, MALCOLM!

MALCOLM HUTCHER'S SOLUTION TO...

THE KILL!!

D-DON'T...YOU'RE STRANGLING ME... P-PLEASE! WE... MAKE DEAL... ARGHHHHH!

ONLY ONE OF US IS GONNA SMUGGLE THOSE STOLEN DIAMONDS INTO PORT, VAUGHN...ME!

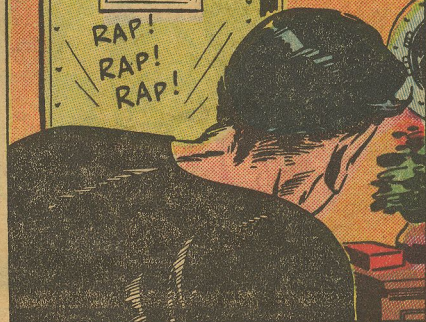


MUST BE A HUNDRED GRAND WORTH OF ICE HERE! NOW TO GET TO THE REAR OF THE SHIP...AND GO OVERBOARD! SWIMMING TO SHORE, I'LL EVADE THE CUSTOM INSPECTORS! THIS PLAN OF MINE CAN'T MISS!



THIS STATEROOM OF THE LATE MR. VAUGHN'S IS AT THE FRONT OF THE SHIP...BY USING THE DELIVERY CORRIDOR I WON'T BE SPOT-TESTED GETTING TO THE REAR OF THE...WHAT'S T-THAT? S-SOMEONE BANGING ON THE DOOR!

RAP!
RAP!
RAP!



ABOARD THE STEAMSHIP DOLFIN, NEARING ITS TROPIC ISLAND PORT, CALVIN BROCK CLOSED IN ON THE STOLEN DIAMONDS SPENCER VAUGHN PLANNED TO SMUGGLE PAST THE CUSTOM INSPECTORS! FOR CALVIN BROCK, THOSE DIAMONDS WERE A PRELUDE TO ...**THE KILL!**

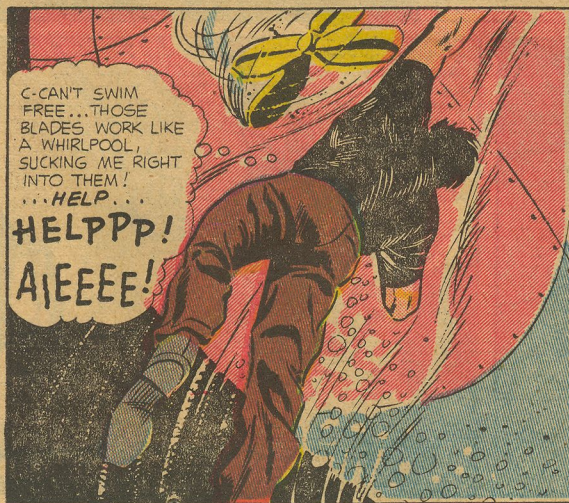
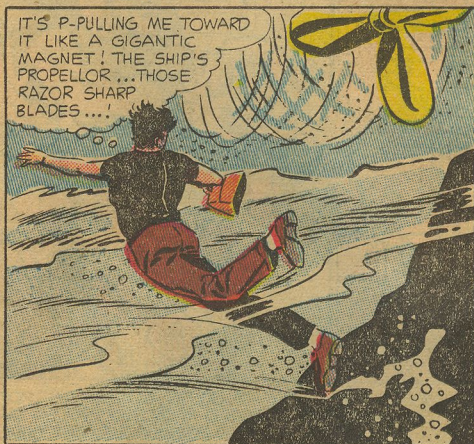
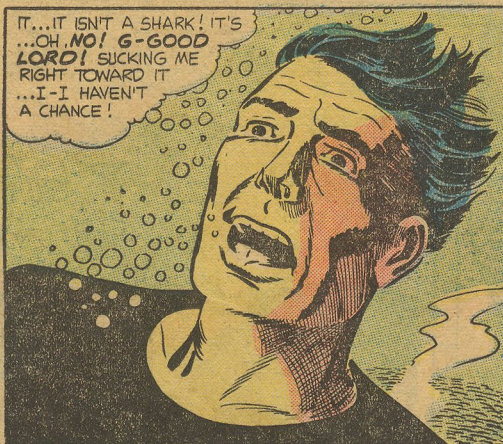
IF IT WASN'T FOR THIS PORT-HOLE, I'D BE TRAPPED IN HERE WITH A CORPSE! A SURE MURDER CHARGE... BUT I'M GONNA BEAT IT! A SLIGHT CHANGE OF PLANS... I GO INTO THE DRINK RIGHT HERE!



SO LONG, SPENCER VAUGHN...SO LONG, S.S. DOLFIN! SHIP'S ALMOST PAST ME ANYWAY! ONLY ONE MORE THING TO WORRY ABOUT!



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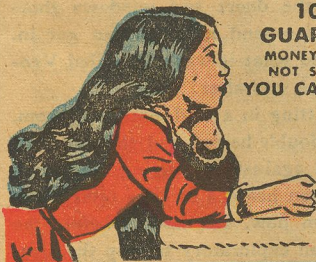


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EXPLORER'S RETURN



AS KENT MORGAN sat comfortably in the mahogany-panelled front hall of the Explorer's Club, the smoke of his good cigar wreathed gracefully above his silvered head. It was a bitter night out—sleet hurled itself angrily and incessantly against the weathered granite walls of the club. But inside, all was peaceful, even drowsy! There was no one else in the shadowy old parlor except Ventura, the attendant, who was dusting the marble mantelpiece at one end.

Closing his eyes in contentment, Morgan slumped back in the overstuffed chair. Then it was that the front knocker sounded! Imperatively, it beat against the oaken door! Again and again it knocked, its muffled thump almost drowned out by the rising storm outside. Old Ventura hurried to the door. As he drew it open, a blast of sleet hurtled into the front hall, and with it came a man, carrying a heavy valise, which he set down.

In amazement, Kent Morgan rose from his chair. He hurried toward the newcomer, hands outstretched in welcome. "Mark! Mark Pennell!" he exclaimed excitedly. "You're back—after six months! How are you . . . and how was your trip?"

Pennell struggled out of his overcoat. He turned his face toward Kent Morgan, and the older man was shocked to see his staring eyes, and the deep lines of anxiety that had burned themselves into his countenance. "How am I?" he repeated. "I'll tell you—over a dinner table. But first let's—" Suddenly, he whirled about. "My valise!" he stammered in alarm. "Where is it?"

Kent Morgan turned toward the broad, winding staircase that led to the rooms on the second floor. "Why, Ventura must have taken it up to your room, as soon as you put it down. Is there anything wrong?"

"Wrong?" The younger man seemed transformed, his face suddenly ashen beneath its tropical bronze. "We must not leave him alone with it! Quick! After him . . ."

Together, they hurried across the room and up the heavily carpeted staircase. But, even as they rounded the first turn, they heard a terrible shriek from the floor above. It was a cry of desperate horror, a human's plea for life and it ended in a choking, gurgling animal-like groan! Springing down the hallway, Morgan and Mark Pennell were brought up short as they were confronted by a hideous sight—the sight of the old attendant's body, lying sprawled and twisted before them!

"Ventura!" breathed Kent. "And look, Mark. Your valise is beside him! It's open . . . and empty!" Quickly, he dropped to one knee beside the attendant. Examining him, he noted the man's staring, bulging eyes, the twisted, mauled throat and the expression of sheer, agonizing terror on his face!

Slowly, heavily, Morgan stood up. "Must have been a thief," he muttered. "And a terribly powerful one, to have slain him like that! Evidently he escaped through that open window at the end of the hall with whatever was in your valise."

But Mark Pennell shook his head. "No," he breathed, lips trembling. "It was no thief—at least no human thief!"

Kent Morgan caught the young, bronzed explorer's arm. "What do you mean, man? What could it have been, if not a human?"

Pennell rocked for a moment, striving to gain control of himself. Then his jaw set and he faced his friend squarely. "Come into my room, Kent," he began. "We'll search it throughout, and then lock the doors and windows thoroughly, so no one—and nothing—can get in. Then I'll tell you what it was that killed Ventura, and what he was after!"

That night, sitting in a cold, darkened room, with the door double-barred and the windows securely locked against the raging sleet outside, Kent Morgan heard a strange tale! Mark Pennell told him how, six months before, he had set out on an exploratory trip up the Uraqua, one of the tributaries of the Amazon. High

in the mountainous jungle country of Brazil, he had come upon a crumbled temple. And in that temple, on a massive altar, squatted an idol . . .

"When I saw that idol, I knew I had to bring it back," Pennell whispered. "It had a strange kind of fascination for me. It was carved out of black, igneous rock, had jeweled eyes and a snakelike form, all coiled up! I'd never seen anything like it before, but I soon found out from the Indians that it was Raka, the Boa Constrictor God. They were afraid of it . . . terribly afraid. That was why no one had ever disturbed it, for all the centuries it had lain in that ruined temple."

Pennell leaned forward and continued his story. He told of how his Indian guides had deserted him. They had claimed that the boa constrictors would follow him through the jungle to recover their idol, and to wreak vengeance on him. He had laughed . . .

And now he laughed again, a horrible, cackling, mirthless laugh that was awful to hear.

"They *did* follow me, I tell you! All the way through the jungle, and on my ship! Three times, I barely escaped with my life and with that idol. Now, at last, they've got it back, and they've killed Ventura. But they won't be satisfied. They'll keep after me, until they get me too!"

Morgan put his hand on Pennell's shoulder. "Listen, Mark!" he husked. "You must be feverish . . . out of your mind! Things like this just don't happen!"

"No? Did you see Ventura? The same thing will happen to me!"

"All right," Kent Morgan said grimly, "I'll stay with you tonight, in this room. Tomorrow we'll go to the police and tell them the whole story. Now lie down on that bed, and try to get some rest! You're in bad shape, man!"

Sitting there in the darkened room, in a giant armchair, Morgan felt the comforting weight of Pennell's Webley .45 automatic in his hand. If there *should* be trouble, if by some crazy freak any part of Pennell's story was straight, he knew how to use a Webley, and he would! But how could the story be true? Giant boa constrictors simply could not follow a man on a sea voyage! It couldn't happen . . .

So thinking, Kent Morgan waited, as the

hours crept by and Pennell gradually fell asleep, on the bed. In time, his head, too, fell forward.

For a while, his sleep was partially disturbed by the feeling that somewhere nearby, a cold breeze was blowing. But he did not wake fully—until he heard Mark Pennell's scream! It sounded as Ventura's had, full of the agony of body and spirit, gasping, choking, terrified—a human in tormented crisis!

Wide-awake in an instant, Morgan sprang bolt upright, the Webley clutched in his hand!

Before him, he saw Pennell struggling on the bed with a giant, writhing, spotted form! It was a monstrous constrictor, drawing its tremendous, iron-hard coils about the explorer's bronzed form, squeezing tighter and tighter. Not daring to breathe, Morgan aimed the automatic from the hip and fired. Once! Twice! His bullets struck home, smashing the huge snake in its head, splintering and ripping it apart!

Then it was that the older man heard a strange, clicking sound behind him! Whirling, he saw that one of the window panes was broken open. That was where the cold wind had been coming from! And, hopping out through the opening, was a little creature, carved from black rock, with glittering, jeweled eyes, and the coiled form of a snake! Beside the moving idol were the wraithlike, swiftly crawling forms of two more huge constrictors! With unbelievable speed, they vanished through the open pane—and disappeared!

WRENCHING a muttered curse from his lips, Morgan sprang to the window and flung it open. Gripping the Webley, he leaned out. But there was nothing to be seen—just a dank, dripping, early-dawn city street! Across the window sill were several dark smudges—smudges that might have been made by crawling creatures, or by a careless housemaid's cleaning rag.

Breathing heavily, shaken to his very foundations, Morgan turned back to the room. There he saw Pennell, lying motionless, with the dead constrictor wrapped about him! The man too was slain, his neck broken by the jungle snake's dying agony! And somewhere out in that cold sunrise was Raka, ruler of the boa constrictors—released, and on his way home . . .

THE END

WHITE BIRDS of DEATH!



ON JULY 25TH 1942, MATT TUPPER, AND FOUR EQUALLY DANGEROUS CRIMINALS, MARKED BY THEIR RED STRIPES, MADE A SUCCESSFUL BREAK FROM A FLORIDA CHAIN GANG AND ESCAPED THROUGH A NEARBY SWAMP. ON THAT DAY THE SHOTGUN GANG THAT TERRORIZED FLORIDA FOR A YEAR WAS BORN.



FOURTEEN HOURS I'M STARVED! THESE MOSQUITOES!

LISTEN! THE BLOODHOUNDS ARE CLOSER! WE'LL HIDE UNDER WATER! EACH OF YOU PULL A HOLLOW REED AND DO WHAT I SAY! HIDE YOUR GUNS IN THE BUSHES!

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YIPE! OOO-WOO!

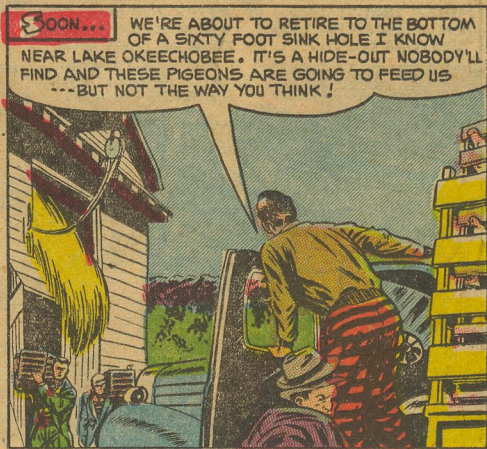


THEY'VE VANISHED! THE DOGS CAN'T FIND A NEW TRAIL!

MAYBE THEY DROWNED. ANYHOW, THEY SURE GOT AWAY!

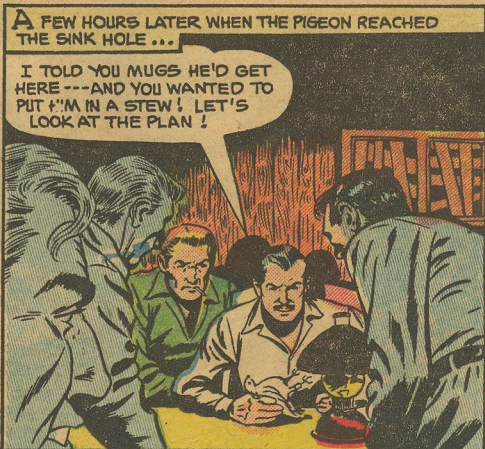
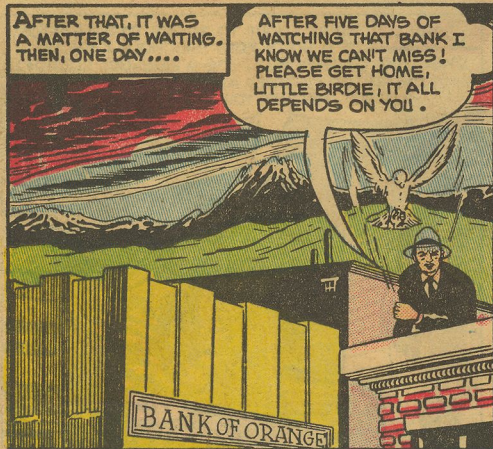
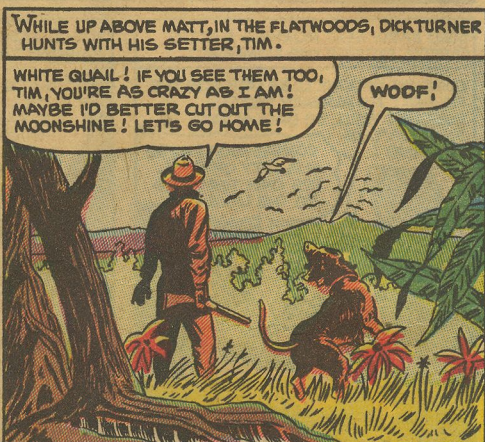
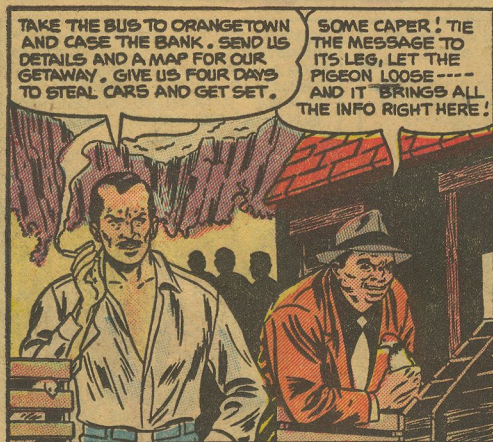
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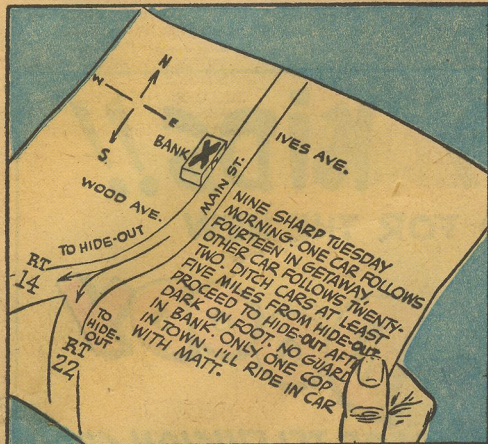


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THREE MONTHS LATER MATT GREW A MUSTACHE AND THE GANG BUILT COMFORTABLE QUARTERS DOWN IN THE SINK HOLE. EVERY EVENING HE EXERCISED THE PIGEONS. EVERYTHING WAS FINE-- EXCEPT--



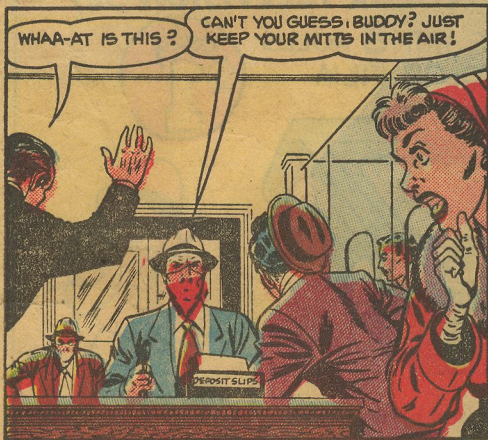
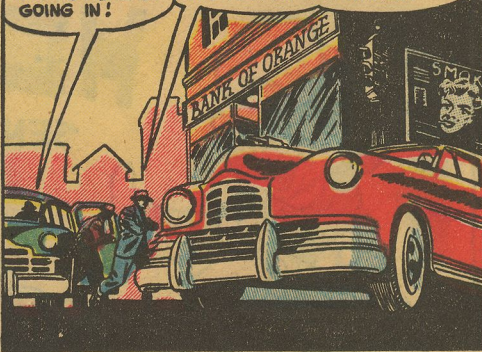
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AT NINE O'CLOCK THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY THE SHOTGUN GANG STARTED ITS WILD CAREER OF MURDER AND CRIME!

MATT'S ALREADY GOING IN!

TAKE IT EASY! THIS IS A CINCH! YOU WAIT AT THE WHEEL!



HEY KIDS!!

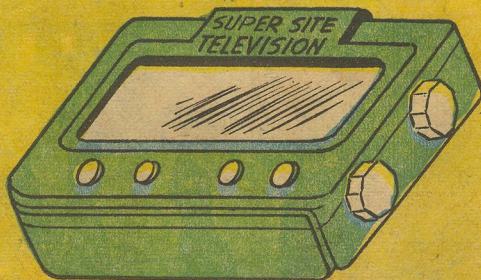
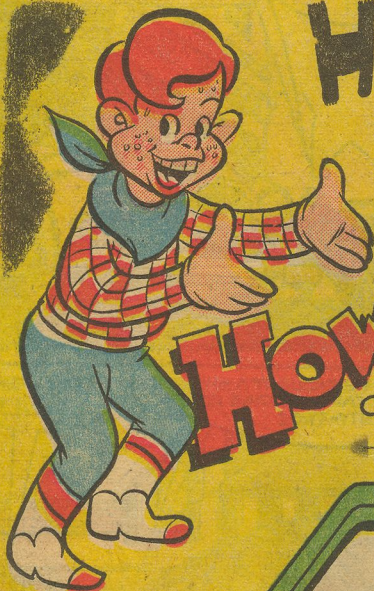
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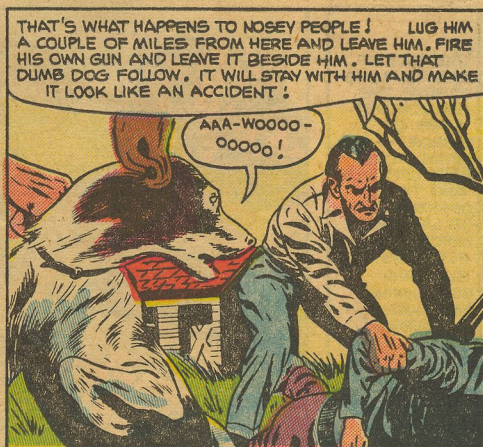
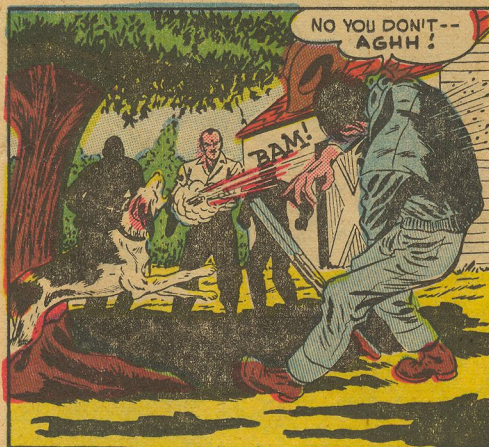
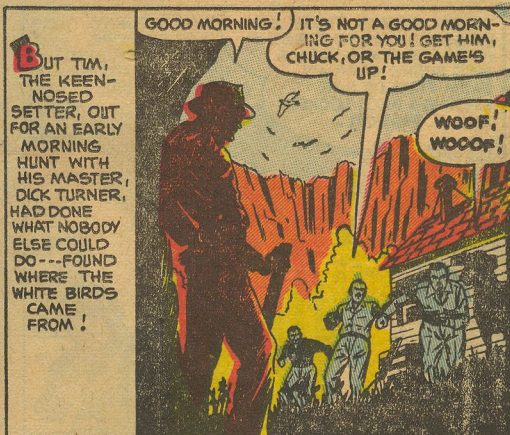
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LATER THAT MORNING WHEN FARMER WILL PARSON REACHED THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, HE FOUND DICK TURNER'S WIFE ALREADY THERE.

THERE'S CATTLE THIEVES AROUND HERE, SHERIFF. MY BEST PRIZE CALF WAS STOLEN LAST NIGHT OUT OF THE FIELD.

WORSE THAN THAT'S HAPPENED, WILL. I WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO KILL AS NICE A FELLOW AS DICK? I FOUND HIS BODY AN HOUR AGO--RIDDLED WITH BUCKSHOT!

HIS ONLY ENEMY WAS A LITTLE TOO MUCH SHINE NOW AND AGAIN. HE WAS TELLING ME ABOUT SEEING SOME WHITE GUAIL FLYING AROUND, BUT THAT WAS A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO.

BUT THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A WHITE GUAIL, MRS. TURNER!

THAT'S WHAT I TOLD HIM. BUT HE INSISTED THERE WERE EIGHT OF THEM FLYING AROUND HIGH. I THOUGHT HE'D BEEN DRINKING AND DIDN'T ASK HIM WHERE.

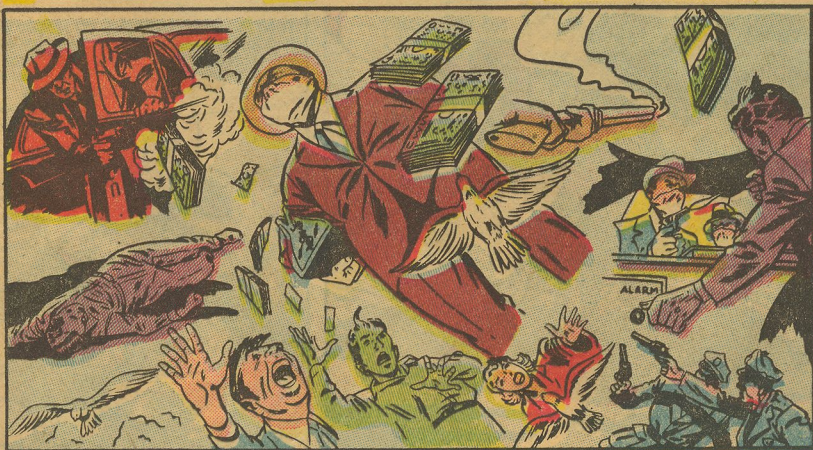
Y'KNOW, SHERIFF, THERE MAY BE SOMETHING TO THESE BIRDS! I SAW A SINGLE BIRD FLYING OVER MY FARM FOUR OR FIVE EVENINGS AGO. LOOKED LIKE A PIGEON.

THAT'S FUNNY! THERE ARE NO MORE PIGEONS AROUND HERE THAN THERE ARE WHITE GUAIL.

I HAVE WORD HERE THAT THE CASHIER AT THE ORANGETOWN BANK WAS KILLED BY A SHOTGUN IN A HOLDUP YESTERDAY. I WONDER IF DICK COULD HAVE STOPPED THE BANDIT'S CAR.

WHATEVER HAPPENED I THINK THOSE WHITE BIRDS WILL LEAD TO THE MAN WHO KILLED MY HUSBAND.

THE SHERIFF WAS HELPLESS TO STOP THE SIX-MONTHS' WAVE OF TERROR---SEVEN MORE BANK OFFICIALS AND THREE OFFICERS OF THE LAW FELL BEFORE THE RUTHLESS BLASTING GUNS DURING FIVE MORE ROBBERIES!



SUSPENSE STORIES

WITH THE CRIME WAVE AT ITS HEIGHT, SHERIFF COLLIER GOT AN IDEA THAT THE MYSTERIOUS WHITE BIRDS MIGHT BE CARRIER PIGEONS. HALF A DOZEN PEOPLE HAD REPORTED SEEING A SINGLE WHITE BIRD FLYING HIGH A FEW DAYS BEFORE EACH BANK ROBBERY. THE ASTUTE SHERIFF MADE A TRIP TO THE EVERGLADES AND BROUGHT BACK WITH HIM CHARLIE HALWUK, A FAMOUS SEMINOLE INDIAN GUIDE. CHARLIE OWNED A PEREGRINE FALCON, ONE OF THE FASTEST FLYING BIRDS.

AFTER SIX DAYS OF WATCHING THE SKY FROM MORNING 'TIL DUSK, THE SHERIFF'S PATIENCE WAS REWARDED...

ISN'T THAT A BIRD COMING NOW, CHARLIE?

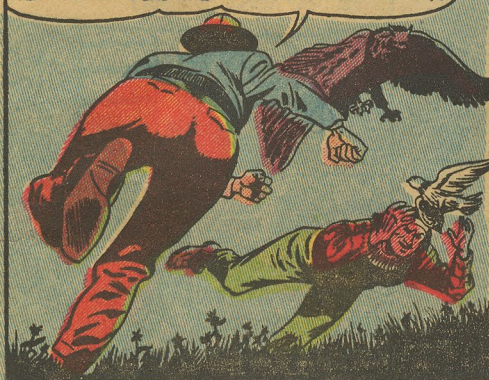
WHITE BIRD COME NOW! FALCON'S SPIES COVERED SO HE DON'T KILL, BUT WATCH! HE FORCE BIRD DOWN QUICK RIGHT HERE.



IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT THIS WILL SEND TURNER'S KILLER TO THE CHAIR!



THERE'S A PILL ON THAT PIGEON'S LEG WITH A MESSAGE INSIDE. IF IT'S WHAT I EXPECT---WE'LL READ IT AND SEND THE PIGEON BACK ON ITS WAY.



THIS IS IT! "BANK OF CYPRESS MILLS. NEXT FRIDAY NOON. PAYROLL DAY. LAST AND BIGGEST HAUL. HAVE TO RUN MILE LONG NARROW BRIDGE OVER CYPRESS RIVER ROUTE 100."



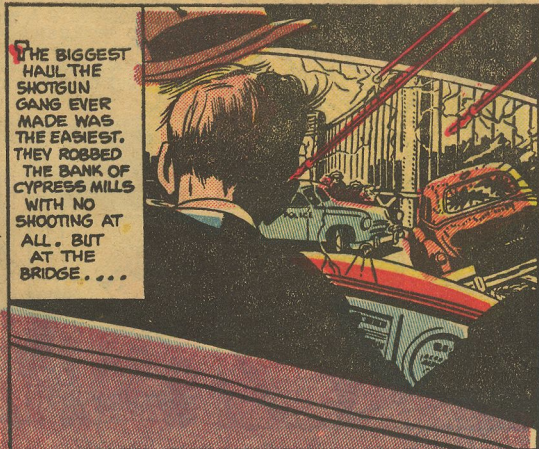
SHORTLY AFTER, THE SHERIFF CALLED THE SHERIFF OF CYPRESS COUNTY.

NOW GET IT, MAC! CHAIN OFF THE FAR END OF THE CYPRESS RIVER BRIDGE AND PLACE A LOT OF MEN AT BOTH ENDS. WE CLOSE IN THERE AND THE SHOTGUN GANG IS THROUGH! OKAY?

YOU BET IT'S OKAY.

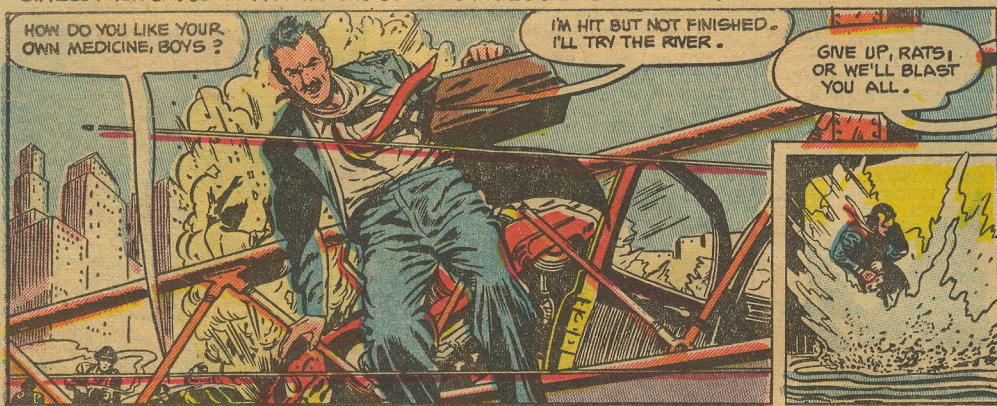


THE BIGGEST HAUL THE SHOTGUN GANG EVER MADE WAS THE EASIEST. THEY ROBBED THE BANK OF CYPRESS MILLS WITH NO SHOOTING AT ALL. BUT AT THE BRIDGE....



SUSPENSE STORIES

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MATT TUPPER, WHO TOOK TO THE RIVER WITH BUCKSHOT IN HIS SHOULDER, IT WAS ON THE CYPRESS RIVER BRIDGE THAT ALL THE SHOTGUN GANG WERE KILLED OR CAPTURED!



BUT FATE HAD A TRICK UP HER SLEEVE FOR MURDEROUS MATT TUPPER. WOUNDED AND TOO EXHAUSTED TO REACH THE NEARBY HAVEN OF THE SINK HOLE, HE SOUGHT SHELTER IN THE CABIN THAT WAS THE HOME OF DICK TURNER--- THE INNOCENT HUNTER WHO MATT HAD ORDERED MURDERED!



JUSTICE WAS SWIFT AFTER THAT! FOUR MONTHS LATER, ONE OF THE WHITE BIRDS THAT MADE MATT HALF A MILLION HAD SENT HIM TO DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!

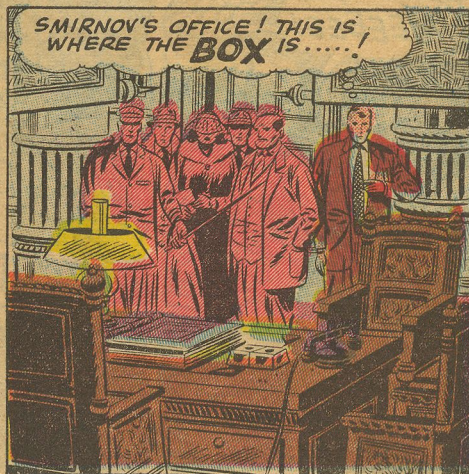
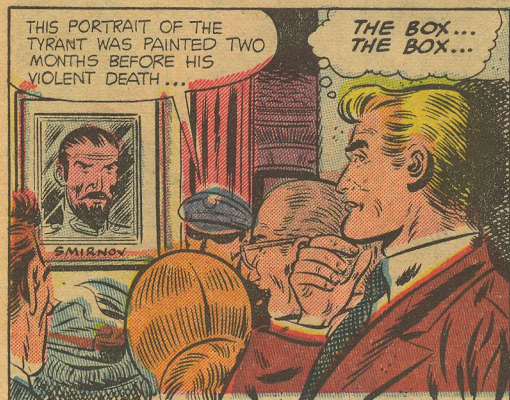
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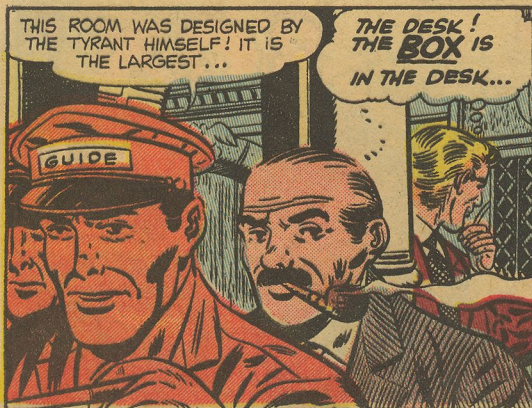


JOE SHUSTER
and
RAY OSBORN

THEY HAD BEEN TRUDGING FOR HOURS NOW, THROUGH THE ENORMOUS PALACE. AND OF ALL THE TOURISTS, HE WAS THE ONLY ONE NOT PREOCCUPIED WITH ACHING FEET AND SMARTING EYES...



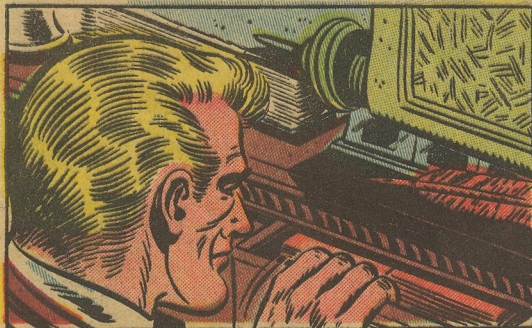
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THIS ROOM WAS DESIGNED BY THE TYRANT HIMSELF! IT IS THE LARGEST...

THE DESK!
THE BOX IS
IN THE DESK...

AS THE GUIDE DRONED ON, POINTING TO ALL THE ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES BLATANTLY EXPRESSIVE OF THE DEAD TYRANT'S LUST FOR POWER, MIKE PRESTON FOUND HIMSELF REMEMBERING THAT DAY TWO YEARS AGO...



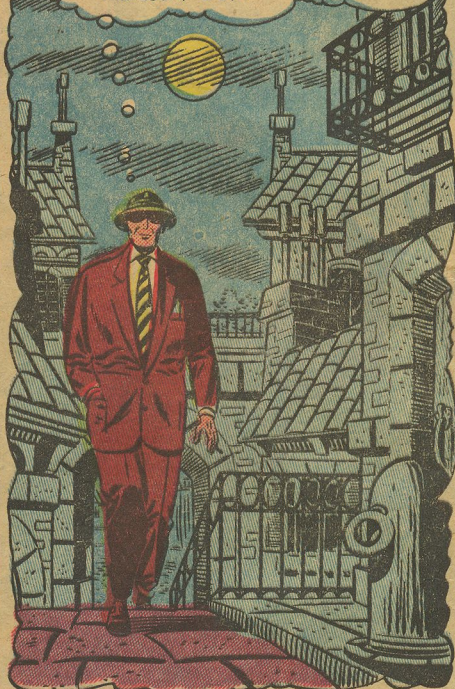
BUT EVEN AS HE WALKED, HIS JOY WAS TAINTED BY THE SCENES OF TERROR THAT WERE DAILY OCCURRENCES IN THE STREETS OF THE LAND THAT SMIRNOV RULED! THE MASS ARRESTS...

...AND THE PUBLIC EXECUTIONS!



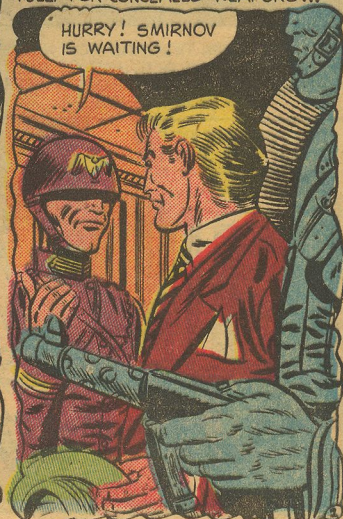
...WHEN HE HAD WALKED EXULTANTLY TOWARD SMIRNOV'S PALACE!

WHAT A SCOOP! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SMIRNOV'S EVER GRANTED AN INTERVIEW TO A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT--AND I'M THE LUCKY BOY!



BY THE TIME HE ARRIVED, HE WAS QUIVERING WITH HATRED FOR THE MAN HE WAS ABOUT TO INTERVIEW. THE GUARDS CHECKED HIM CAREFULLY FOR CONCEALED WEAPONS...

HURRY! SMIRNOV IS WAITING!



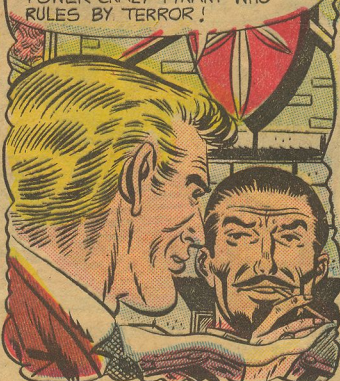
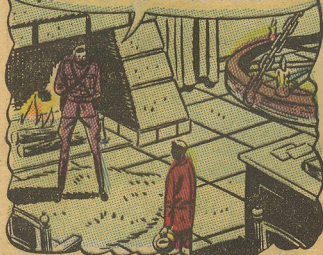
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AFTER A LONG TREK THROUGH A SERIES OF LONG HALLS, HE HAD FOUND HIMSELF STANDING IN FRONT OF THE MASSIVE DESK...

YOU ARE MICHAEL PRESTON, THE AMERICAN NEWSPAPER MAN--YES? YOU ARE VERY SURPRISED I HAVE GRANTED YOU THIS INTERVIEW--YES? AND YOU ARE WONDERING WHY I HAVE CHOSEN *you* FOR THE GREAT HONOR...

I HAVE READ YOUR DISPATCHES, MR. PRESTON. I HAVE ORDERED MY AGENTS TO CHECK YOUR BACKGROUND. AND I HAVE FOUND IN YOUR VIGOR, INTELLIGENCE, AND **IDEALISM** SUCH AN AMAZING LIKENESS TO WHAT I WAS LIKE AT YOUR AGE, THAT I WAS CURIOUS TO MEET YOU PERSONALLY!

WE TWO....ALIKE?? **IMPOSSIBLE!** I BELIEVE IN DEMOCRACY--GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE! **YOU'RE** A POWER CRAZY TYRANT WHO RULES BY TERROR!

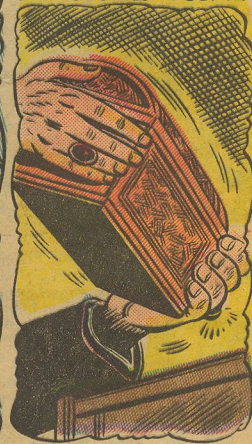
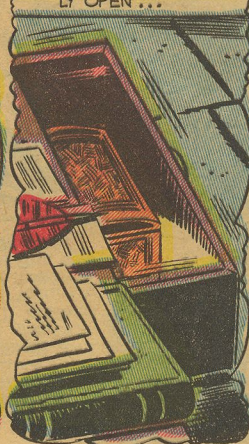
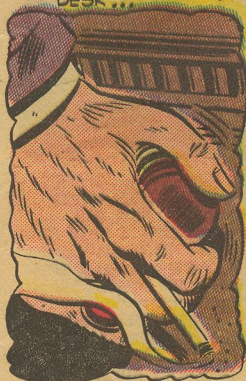


SMIRNOV FLUSHED--- THEN SMILED THINLY. STILL SMILING, HE PRESSED AN ORNAMENTAL KNOB ON THE CORNER OF HIS MASSIVE DESK...

A DRAWER SLID SMOOTHLY OPEN...

FROM THE DRAWER--- SMIRNOV LIFTED A BOX...

AND THEN VERY CAREFULLY, SMIRNOV PLACED THE BOX ON THE DESK. FOR A LONG TIME AFTER THAT, SMIRNOV SAID NOTHING AT ALL...

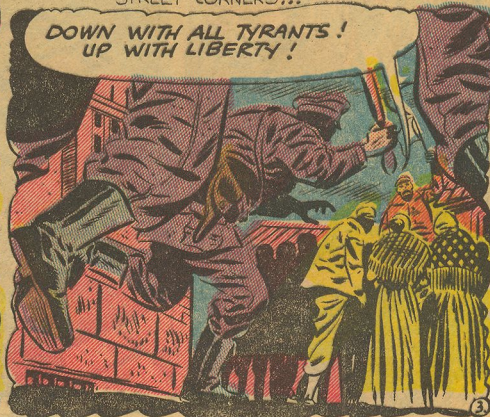
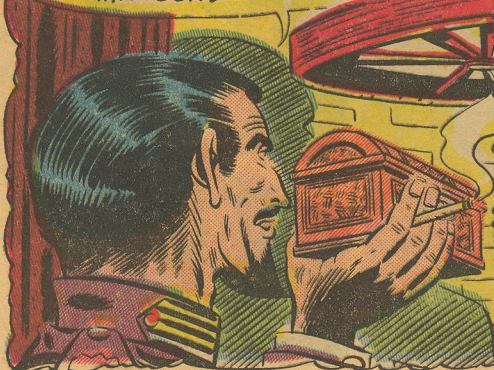


BUT THEN...

THE **SECRET** OF HOW I **CHANGED**. FROM THE YOUNG IDEALIST WHO WAS EXACTLY LIKE YOU... TO THE GREAT RULER I AM NOW... LIES **INSIDE THIS BOX!**

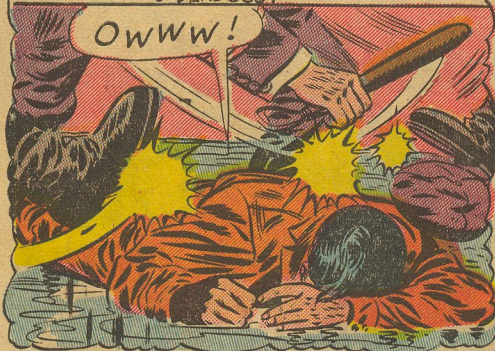
"WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, EVERY HEART-BEAT WITHIN ME CRIED OUT AGAINST INJUSTICE! I SPOKE ON STREET CORNERS..."

DOWN WITH ALL TYRANTS!
UP WITH LIBERTY!



SUSPENSE STORIES

"...AND RECEIVED BLOWS FROM THE POLICE AS PAYMENT FOR THE WAY MY HEART BLED FOR THE UNDERDOGS!"



"BUT I PERSISTED---AND WAS ARRESTED AND SENT TO A LABOR CAMP..."

WATCH THAT ONE---HE'S A TROUBLE MAKER AND HAS A SILVER TONGUE!



"EVEN THERE, MY COMPASSIONATE HEART KEPT STIRRING WITHIN ME! EVERY NIGHT, I HARRANGUED MY FELLOW PRISONERS..."

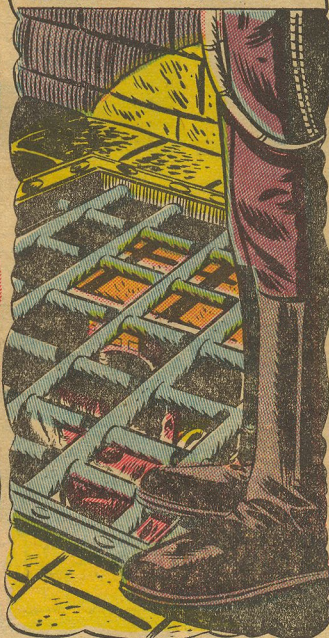
THE DAYS OF THE TYRANTS ARE NUMBERED! THE DAY OF OUR LIBERATION IS AT HAND!



"BUT I WAS WRONG! THE COMMANDANT LEARNED THROUGH AN INFORMANT THAT I WAS STILL AGITATING---AND AFTER A SESSION ON THE RACK..."



"...HE HAD ME FLUNG INTO SOLITARY CONFINEMENT!"



"BUT THEN THE OLD KING DIED--AND THE NEW KING DECLARED GENERAL AMNESTY FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS. I WAS RELEASED. I WENT TO A SMALL MOUNTAIN VILLAGE WHERE I SPENT TIME REVIEWING MY LIFE..."



ALWAYS THINKING, THAT ONE!

HIS EYES BURN STRANGELY. JUST WATCHING HIM TURNS ME COLD WITH FEAR!

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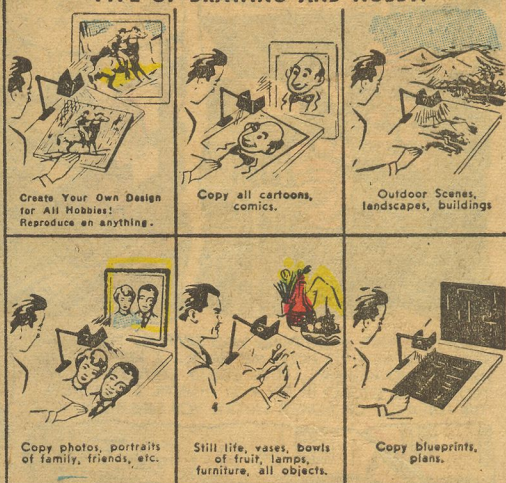
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"WHEN PAVLOV HEARD OF MY PLAN, HE RECOILED IN HORROR..."

YOU ARE MAD!
I-I WON'T DO IT!

IF I CANNOT APPEAL TO YOUR REASON, DEAR FRIEND, I SHALL HAVE TO RESORT TO FORCE!



SEE THIS GUN? I CARRY IT WITH ME ALWAYS! EITHER AGREE, MY DEAR FRIEND, TO REMOVE THIS ELEMENT WITHIN ME THAT STANDS IN THE WAY OF MY GAINING ABSOLUTE POWER---OR YOU WILL DIE!

"TREMBLINGLY, PAVLOV DID MY BIDDING! IT WAS PAINFUL, BUT THROUGH SHEER WILL I REMAINED CONSCIOUS THROUGHOUT..."

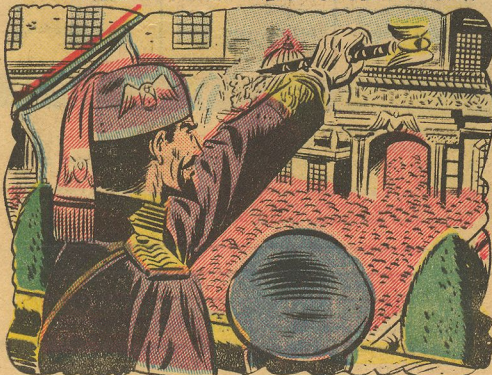
HERE--NOW YOU ARE FREE OF WHAT WAS HOLDING YOU BACK! IT IS IN THE BOX!

THANK YOU, DEAR FRIEND. AND NOW TO MAKE CERTAIN MY SECRET IS NEVER REVEALED.



"AFTER THAT, EVERYTHING WAS SIMPLE. THERE WAS NOTHING INSIDE TO HOLD ME BACK...I KEPT RISING HIGHER AND HIGHER...RUTHLESSLY DISPOSING OF THOSE WHO STOOD IN MY WAY--UNTIL I REACHED THE PINNACLE OF POWER WHERE YOU SEE ME NOW..."

I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WH-WHAT WAS THAT PAVLOV PLACED IN THE BOX...? TELL ME, AND I'LL KNOW WHAT MAKES DICTATORS TICK! THIS WILL BE THE BIGGEST SCOOP OF THE CENTURY!



BUT SMIRNOV SEEMED TIRED NOW AFTER HIS LONG RECITAL. HIS FACE WAS COLD AS HE RANG FOR A GUARD...AND SUMMARILY BROUGHT THE INTERVIEW TO A CLOSE...

SUSPENSE STORIES

PRESTON HAD BEGGED FOR ANOTHER INTERVIEW, BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS...TWO YEARS LATER, BACK IN AMERICA, HE HAD READ OF THE REVOLUTION AND SMIRNOV'S DEATH!

HE HAD SAILED AS SOON AS HE COULD GET A BOOKING ON A BOAT..

NONE OF THE REPORTS SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THE BOX! IT MUST STILL BE IN THE SECRET DRAWER IN THE DESK! I'LL GET INTO THE PALACE AS A TOURIST! I'LL OPEN IT...AND LEARN SMIRNOV'S SECRET!

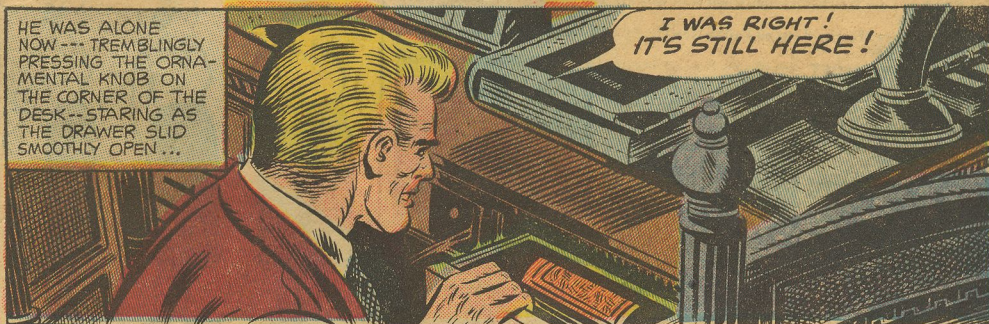
A MOMENT BEFORE THE GUIDE LED THE TIRED TOURISTS OUT OF THE OFFICE, PRESTON SLIPPED BEHIND A HEAVY DRAPE...

AND HERE WE HAVE THE HALL LEADING TO THE TYRANT'S BEDCHAMBER!



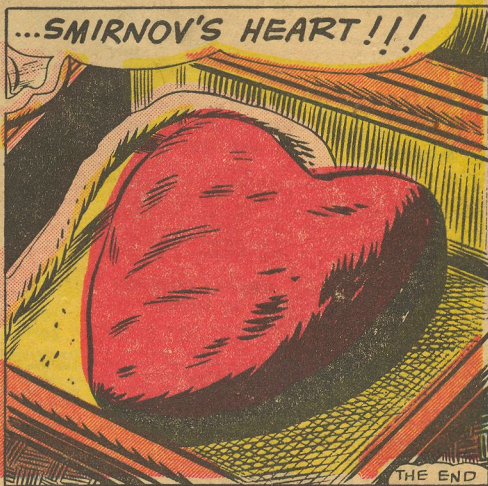
HE WAS ALONE NOW --- TREMBLINGLY PRESSING THE ORNAMENTAL KNOB ON THE CORNER OF THE DESK--STARING AS THE DRAWER SLID SMOOTHLY OPEN...

I WAS RIGHT!
IT'S STILL HERE!



THE BOX WAS OPEN NOW--AND PRESTON WAS GASPING WITH HORROR! HE WANTED TO SLAM DOWN THE LID AND RUN SCREAMING OUT OF THE CASTLE--BUT HE STOOD THERE, ROOTED, STARING AT THE ELEMENT WITHIN SMIRNOV THAT HAD SIDETRACKED HIM FROM POWER...THE ELEMENT THAT HIS FRIEND HAD REMOVED SO HE COULD BECOME THE WORLD'S CRUELEST TYRANT...

...SMIRNOV'S HEART!!!



THE END

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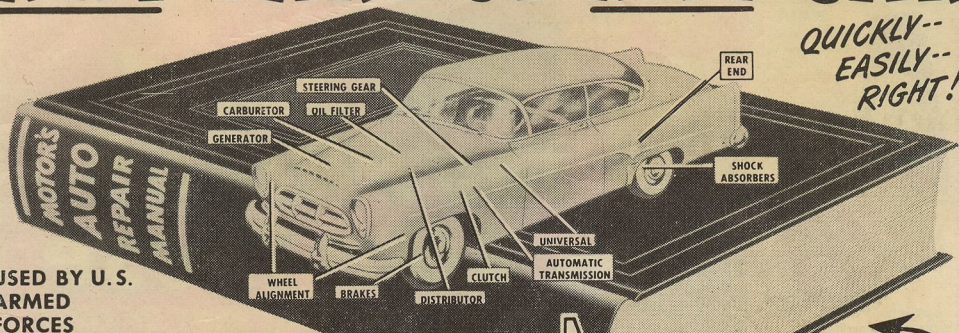
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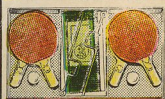
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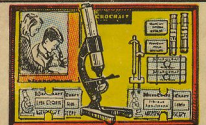
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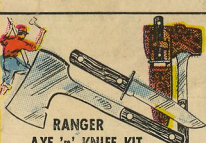
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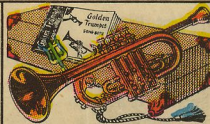
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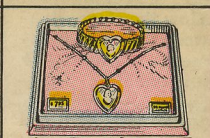
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